

1 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 1
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10 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
11 AMENDING THE JOINT RULES TO LIMIT THE USE OF MEMORIALS,
12 ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR SPONSORING LEGISLATION IN THE OPPOSITE
13 CHAMBER AND LIMIT THE NUMBER OF BILLS AND MEMORIALS INTRODUCED.
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15 WHEREAS, Legislative Joint Rule 8-1 provides that joint
16 rules may be adopted, amended or repealed by concurrent
17 resolution approved by two-thirds of the membership of each
18 house;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
20 REPRESENTATIVES, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN, that Joint Rule
21 6-1 be amended to read:

22 "EXPRESSIONS OF CONDOLENCE AND CONGRATULATIONS (6-1)

23 A. The legislative instrument for official
24 expression of condolence [~~by either house in case of death~~
25 ~~or sickness and for congratulatory messages and~~

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1 ~~acknowledgements of achievement~~], congratulations,
2 recognition or similar sentiment shall be a certificate of
3 a design [~~which~~] that is both appropriate and
4 aesthetically sensitive to the expression being extended
5 and to the dignity of the legislature, which certificate
6 for each category of expression shall be uniform in design
7 and expression except for necessary names, addresses and
8 dates.

9 B. No bill, resolution or memorial shall be
10 used for official expressions of condolence,
11 congratulations, [~~or acknowledgements of achievement~~]
12 recognition or similar sentiment, and the legislative
13 council service shall not draft such a bill, resolution or
14 memorial.

15 [~~C. The procedure of adopting and issuing~~
16 ~~certificates of condolence, congratulations or~~
17 ~~acknowledgements of achievement shall be:~~

18 ~~(1) the member shall submit the~~
19 ~~appropriate name and address and type of expression~~
20 ~~desired on the certificate to the chief clerk of the~~
21 ~~house of the legislature of which he is a member;~~

22 ~~(2) without further action, the chief~~
23 ~~clerk shall consecutively number such request for each~~
24 ~~session, enter it in an official certificate register and~~
25 ~~transmit such request to the chairman of the rules~~

1 ~~committee of that house;~~

2 ~~(3) the rules committee shall verify the~~
3 ~~authenticity of the request and shall report to its~~
4 ~~parent body those names verified and approved for each~~
5 ~~category of certification;~~

6 ~~(4) on each Wednesday when the~~
7 ~~legislature is in session and upon any legislative day~~
8 ~~during the last week of the session, following that order~~
9 ~~of business in each house pertaining to the reports of~~
10 ~~committees, the chief clerk of each house shall read all~~
11 ~~reports on hand of the rules committee serving that house~~
12 ~~pertaining to such certification, and the house of the~~
13 ~~legislature receiving the committee report shall vote on~~
14 ~~the approval of the committee report and the sentiments~~
15 ~~expressed therein. Such approval shall be an~~
16 ~~authorization to mail a certificate to the family or~~
17 ~~individual as the case may be; and~~

18 ~~(5) in the publication of the session~~
19 ~~laws, the names of those persons who were the subject of~~
20 ~~certification shall be collectively shown, according to~~
21 ~~the certifying house and nature of sentiment expressed.]~~

22 C. The certificates issued by each house shall
23 be shown in the respective journals of each house or
24 available in the respective chief clerk's office of each
25 house."; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a new Joint Rule 6-2 be
2 adopted to read:

3 "RESOLUTIONS AND MEMORIALS (6-2)

4 A. A resolution is the appropriate
5 instrument for the legislature to formally express its
6 sentiment on a subject that it cannot or does not elect
7 to control by law; to propose amendments to the state
8 constitution; to ratify amendments to the federal
9 constitution; or to express the approval of the
10 legislature when the governor's approval is not required.

11 B. A memorial is the appropriate
12 instrument for the legislature to express its desire, in
13 the form of a petition or declaration of intent, that is
14 generally written as a request to an elected state
15 official or another governmental body.

16 C. A letter of request is the
17 appropriate instrument for the legislature or one of its
18 committees to express its desire that a state department,
19 institution, agency or instrumentality undertake a
20 specific task. The legislative council service shall not
21 draft or prepare a resolution or memorial that calls for
22 or requests state departments, institutions, agencies or
23 instrumentalities to undertake a specific task."; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Joint Rule 11-1 be amended to
25 read:

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1 "JOINT SPONSORSHIP (11-1)

2 A. During any session of the legislature,
3 any bill, resolution or memorial introduced in the house
4 may be cosponsored by senate members by endorsing the
5 bill, resolution or memorial or by [~~filing a written~~
6 ~~notice in open session~~] endorsing a form that is signed
7 and filed by the senate president pro tempore, senate
8 majority or minority floor leader or senate majority or
9 minority whip with the clerk of the house prior to third
10 reading in the house [~~and~~] or two days after the deadline
11 for introduction of bills in a session convened in an
12 even-numbered year and four days after the deadline for
13 the introduction of bills in a session convened in an odd-
14 numbered year, whichever occurs earlier.

15 B. During any session of the legislature, any
16 bill, resolution or memorial introduced in the senate may
17 be cosponsored by house members by endorsing the bill,
18 resolution or memorial or by [~~filing a written notice in~~
19 ~~open session~~] endorsing a form that is signed and filed by
20 the speaker of the house, house majority or minority floor
21 leader or house majority or minority whip with the clerk
22 of the senate prior to third reading in the senate or two
23 days after the deadline for introduction of legislation in
24 a session convened in an even-numbered year and four days
25 after the deadline for the introduction of legislation in

1 a session convened in an odd-numbered year, whichever
2 occurs earlier.

3 C. The names of the sponsor and cosponsors of
4 all bills, resolutions and memorials shall be shown on the
5 face of the enrolled and engrossed legislation."; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a new Joint Rule 12-1 be
7 adopted to read:

8 "BILL AND MEMORIAL INTRODUCTION LIMITS (12-1)

9 Each member may introduce no more than five bills and two
10 memorials during a session convened in an even-numbered
11 year and no more than ten bills and two memorials during a
12 session convened in an odd-numbered year; provided that
13 this limitation shall not apply to bills that are
14 prefiled; or bills or memorials that are endorsed by a
15 legislative interim committee."; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the amendments to the joint
17 rules proposed by this concurrent resolution take effect
18 immediately prior to adjournment of the second session of the
19 forty-eighth legislature.